

complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.823 and does not introduce any new matter. A copy of the Notice to Comply is also enclosed herewith (Exhibit C).

It is believed that no fee is due. However, if the Commissioner determines that a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Darby & Darby P.C. Deposit Account No. 04-0100 for any deficiency.

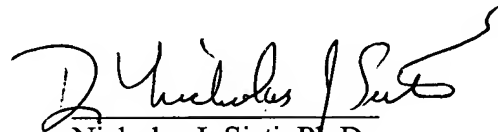
CONCLUSION

Applicants request entry of the foregoing amendment and remarks in the file history of this application. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be examined on its merits and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

Early and favorable consideration of the enclosed diskette and this paper are earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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